

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2722
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th AUGUST, 2021

ATTARI - WAGAH BORDER ROAD TRADE

2722. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to use Attari-Wagah Border post to allow trade with land locked countries and Europe and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the Attari-Wagah land route has a potential to counter road trade of China with these countries to a great extent and has the capability to flourish the industries of Northern border areas in particular and North India in general in a big way; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (c): An Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Attari, established in April 2012, facilitates land-based international trade. With a view to facilitate an alternate and reliable access route to landlocked countries, in January 2015, India had announced its decision to allow Afghan trucks to enter the Indian territory through ICP Attari for off-loading and loading goods from and to Afghanistan. However, Pakistan does not allow transit through its territory for Indian goods imported by Afghanistan through ICP Attari. Bilateral trade between India and Pakistan, including through ICP Attari, remains suspended as a result of unilateral measures taken by Pakistan in August 2019.
